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SOUTHBOUND MAD RIVER BRIDGE BIKE DETOUR CONCLUDES

Eureka – Caltrans has announced that the southbound bicycle detour originally set in place during the construction of the new southbound Mad River Bridge near McKinleyville in Humboldt County is no longer needed. Bicycle traffic can now travel along Route 101, taking advantage of 10 foot shoulders on the new southbound bridge.

The northbound bicycle detour is still in place by way of the Hammond Trail. The new northbound bridge features two, twelve foot traffic lanes plus ten feet of shoulder. Work has started on a new McKinleyville exit, where the bridge is wider at its northern end.

The new northbound bridge will also incorporate an eight foot wide multi-purpose path, separated from traffic by rails, which will connect Wiemar Road to the south with North Bank Road (Route 200) to the north. Northbound commuting cyclists will enjoy ten foot shoulders, once the northbound bridge work is completed.

All road surfaces on the Mad River Bridges project are slated to be completed by the end of 2012. Golden State Bridge is the contractor with Mercer Fraser Company sub-contracting earthwork and paving. The old truss bridge is slated for demolition during the summer of 2012.

For more information about the Mad River Bridges project, please contact Caltrans Construction Engineer Tom Fitzgerald at 707-496-6614.

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